

A script from



“It’s a Wonderful Fruitcake”

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- What** A family receives their yearly fruitcake from a dear-old aunt, but never opens them. This year they discover they’ve been missing the real gift. Themes: Christmas, Receiving the gift of Jesus, Thankfulness, Second Chances
- Who** Teenage daughter
Mom
Dad
UPS Man
- When** Christmas Eve
- Wear
(Props)** Living room-couch
TV
UPS box
Note with check
Fruitcake tin
UPS uniform
- Why** John 3:16
- How** It’s Christmas, so energy should be high! There is a lot of “family teasing” that is good-natured, so everyone should feel comfortable with each other.
- Time** Approximately 5-7 minutes; This script is 5 pages long.

A family gathers in a living room, preparing to watch "It's a Wonderful Life" on Christmas Eve. Tom, the father, sits in an easy chair and searches for the remote.

- Tom:** (*Pointing the remote at the TV to turn it on*) Ellen! Lily! Come on, you two! You're gonna miss the beginning. That sets up the whole movie!
- Lily:** (*Lily, the daughter, enters and sits on the couch*) Come on, Dad. We've seen "It's a Wonderful Life" about three hundred times.
- Ellen:** (*Ellen, the mom, enters and stands in the doorway*) Oh, Lily, just humor him. You know this is your daddy's favorite Christmas movie. You know how he is ...
- Lily:** Yeah. Wacko.
- Ellen:** (*Laughs*) Certifiable. So ... you two want something to drink?
- Tom:** Something hot.
- Lily:** (*Simultaneously with Tom*) Something cold.
- Ellen:** (*About to exit to the kitchen, we hear a knock at the front door*) How 'bout I just bring you both something lukewarm. But, hang on. Somebody's at the door. (*She exits*)
- Tom:** (*Calling out after her*) If it's carolers, tell 'em we're busy.
- Lily:** Dad ... what's the big deal with this movie?
- Tom:** Lily, there are two classic movies of all time: "Gidget Goes Hawaiian" and "It's a Wonderful Life". This is a movie about second chances. Everybody wants a second chance. You're just a child. You wouldn't understand. Just trust me. This is a classic - Frank Capra at his finest
- Ellen:** (*Re-entering quickly, dragging the UPS man behind her*) Hey, you guys, look who I found! Santa...in his brown outfit.
- Tom:** Man alive, they've got you guys out working Christmas Eve?!
- UPS:** (*He is somewhat simple, and very happy-go-lucky*) Afraid so. But I am happy to announce that you folks are my last delivery. I am done for the night and done for the season!
- Tom:** Congratulations! How about something luke-warm to drink?
- UPS:** Well...I'm not really supposed to. But hey, if I go back to the warehouse, they'll probably just load me back up again. And I've already put in about seven thousand hours of overtime...so...why not?

Tom: Great. Cider?

UPS: Sure.

Tom: Ellen, add a lukewarm cider to those drinks.

Ellen: Hold your horses, Pal. I want to see what we've got here.

Lily: Maybe it's that pony you've been promising me all these years.

Tom: Yeah, right.

Ellen: I hope it's all those Lands End things I ordered. If it's not, it's gonna be a slim Christmas for you two.

Tom: (*As an aside to Lily*) Just what we want, Lilmore flannel.

Ellen: (*To the UPS guy*) Okay, where's the goodies?

UPS: Oh, yeah, I almost forgot - your package. And you've gotta sign for it.

Tom: (*As Ellen signs for the package*) That's it?

UPS: (*Hands it to Tom*) Yep. And from the weight of it, I'd say it's a fruitcake.

Tom: (*Picks it up and reads the return address*) Ellen, your Aunt Edna sent us the usual.

Lily: (*Disgusted*) Great. No pony. Just another doorstep.

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ENDING:

UPS: It just goes to show you. Sometimes great things come in some mighty surprising packages. (*Waxing a bit eloquent*) Kinda like Christmas, you know?

Lily: What?

UPS: Christmas. You know. Babies in mangers. All that. Christmas. Free Gift. No strings. You know... Christmas. (*Notices that they are about to watch TV*) So, what're ya watching?

Tom: (*Still a bit in shock*) "It's A Wonderful Fruit --- Life".

UPS: Oh! I love that movie. It's one of my favorites. Nothing like getting a second chance, you know?

Tom: *(Still a bit in shock)* Yeah, nothing like a second- *(He has a minor epiphany. Speaks to the UPS man as an aside)* Hey... what are doing later tonight?

UPS: *(Simply shrugs)*

Tom: After this movie, you and me, Pal, are gonna make a trip to the landfill to find you fourteen more fruitcakes.

Lights out. The End.